

First CHURCH

First United Methodist Church of Boulder

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10:30 am Worship

Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“Palm Sunday”

Lucille Clifton (1936-2010)

so here come i
home again
and the people glad
giving thanks
glorying in the brother
laying turnips
for the mule to walk on
waving beets
and collards in the air

WELCOME

Rev. Michael Mather

PRELUDE

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

from *Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkapelle*,

With added music by Charles H. Webb

and Robert J. Powell

Colorado Brass Band Quintet

Ryan Spencer, cornet; Melinda Ho, cornet;

Geoff Tyndall, tenor horn; Steve Vaughn, euphonium;

Michael Horsford, tuba

Jordan Ortman, organ

THE CALL

Rev. Michael Mather

VOICES OF LAMENT

Barbara Middleton, Glenna Briant, Binx Selby,
Jeanne Phipps, Linda Fong

HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
Colorado Brass Band Quintet
Jordan Ortman, organ

UMH #280

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Lisa Carr

John 12:12-16

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord-- the King of Israel!"

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Ride on, King Jesus!” Francis Hall Johnson (1888-1970)

Courtney Caston, soprano
Jordan Ortman, piano

SERMON *From There to Here: The World Turned Upside Down*

Rev. Michael Mather

HYMN “O Christ You Did No Violence” TUNE: Passion Chorale (UMH #286)
Text by Carolyn Gillette

O Christ, you did no violence yet you were crushed with pain;
You suffered great injustice to make us whole again.
As lambs are led to slaughter and sheep in silence wait,
You gave your life to offer a love that conquers hate.

You gave your life to save us, yet, God, we now confess:
Forgetting that you love us, we live in hatefulness.
We tolerate injustice that breaks the human soul;
We overlook the madness as violence takes its toll.

When children hear the popping of one more fired gun
And know there is no stopping and look for where to run,
When workers face oppression, and women face abuse,
Lord, hear your world's confession, for there is no excuse.

Our games and movies teach us that violence is all right.
O God, our greed is boundless; our wealth depends on might.
Our nations' moral failings in politics and war
All lead to countless killings — to violence you abhor.

The patterns of our violence give shape to all our days,
Yet you, O God, are gracious; your ways are not our ways.
Now by your Holy Spirit, we pray you'll make us new,
Till peace becomes our pattern as we all follow you.

Tessa Espinosa, soprano
Jordan Ortman, organ

THE LAYING DOWN OF PALMS

Theme from Symphony No. 9, “From the New World”

Antonín Leopold Dvořák (1841-1904)

Beth Rosbach, cello
Jordan Ortman, piano

PRAYER

Rev. Michael Mather

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Mother and Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy names. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel To Be Free”

Pete Lewis, saxophone

Billy Taylor (1964-2012)

Gary Bragg, vocals

Jason Malmberg, bass

Victor Mestas, piano

Clare Church, drums

BENEDICTION

Rev. Michael Mather

POSTLUDE

“Canzona Five”

Giovanni Gabrieli (1557-1612)

Colorado Brass Band Quintet

***This week, as we all live into the things around us,
let's remember to offer peace to one another.***

THANK YOU to all who contributed their time and talents to today's service:

Gary Bragg	Glenna Briant
Lisa Carr	Courtney Caston
Clare Church	Tessa Espinosa
Linda Fong	Melinda Ho
Michael Horsford	Pete Lewis
Jason Malmberg	Victor Mestas
Barbara Middleton	Jordan Ortman
Jeanne Phipps	Beth Rosbach
Binx Selby	Ryan Spencer
Geoff Tyndall	Steve Vaughn

And *special thanks* to the Worship Weaver,
our Pastor of Spiritual Imagineering, Stephanie Moffitt.

After worship, join us on Zoom for Coffee Hour!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5291240473>

Join Us Online for Worship on Easter Sunday!

April 4, 2021 at 10:30 am MDT

on our Website, our Facebook page, or our Vimeo Channel

Speaker: Rev. Michael Mather

March Special Offering benefits UMCOR Sunday

UMCOR Sunday is one of the denomination-wide special offerings that First Church takes part in each year. Though the official date is Sunday, March 14, you can contribute to UMCOR Sunday throughout the month of March. Your generous giving to UMCOR Sunday (formerly called One Great

(March Special Offering continued)

Hour of Sharing) is what allows UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need, around the world. To contribute, please make your check payable to First United Methodist Church, and write "March special offering" in the memo line. You can mail your check to the church at 1421 Spruce Street, Boulder, CO 80302. If you'd prefer to give online through our website, click on the green "Give" tab in the upper right corner of the homepage, click the "Donate Now" button, and type in the amount you'd like to give on the line for "March Mission Offering." Thank you for your generous support of this special offering.

Giving to FUMC During the Pandemic

Just a reminder that FUMC can still receive your offering gifts to support God's work in the world. Mail is still being checked several times each week in the church office, so you can mail checks, made payable to First United Methodist Church, to 1421 Spruce Street, Boulder, CO 80302. You can also give online via our website: <https://fumcboulder.org/about/donating/>. Thank you.